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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Wilfried Breuer et al.  
Serial Number: Unassigned  
Filed: July 11, 2006  
Group Art: Unassigned  
Examiner: Unassigned  
Title: **SPARK GAP COMPRISING AN OPTICALLY  
TRIGGERED POWER SEMICONDUCTOR  
COMPONENT**

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Commissioner of Patents  
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Dear Sir or Madam:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to the initial review of this national stage application referenced above by Wilfried Breuer et al. entitled "SPARK GAP COMPRISING AN OPTICALLY TRIGGERED POWER SEMICONDUCTOR COMPONENT" filed July 11, 2006, please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.